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Application No.: Unassigned)	Examiner: Unassigned
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For: NOVEL COMBINATION OF)	
LOTEPREDNOL AND β_2 -)	
ADRENOCEPTOR AGONISTS)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 9 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Kindly amend claims 1-8 as follows:

1. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising, separately or together, an efficacious amount of (i) loteprednol or a pharmaceutically tolerable ester thereof and (ii) at least one β_2 adrenoceptor agonist for simultaneous, sequential or separate administration by inhalation in the treatment of airway disorders in mammals.